## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

In Re: Chapter 11 case

Rebecca G. Wilkinson, D.V.M. & Associates, P.A.

BKY 04-30819-DDO

Debtor.

## RESPONSE AND OBJECTION TO MOTION OF ASSOCIATED BANK MINNESOTA FOR RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY

Creditor Gary A. Steen, and related parties Ann M. Steen and Animal Instincts, Ltd., as their interests may appear, ("Objectors"), hereby respond and object to the Motion for Relief from Stay by Associated Bank Minnesota, N. A. ("Bank"), filed herein as docket number 21-1. The grounds for this objection are as follow:

- 1. One or more of the Objectors held a prepetition security interest in tangible and intangible personal property of the Debtor located at 13060 Central Avenue NE, Blaine, Minnesota (the "Security Interest").
- 2. As set out in the Bank's Objection to Objectors' cash collateral agreement with the Debtor, the financing statement perfecting said Security Interest may have lapsed prior to the commencement of the case, during the 90 day preference avoidance period set out in Bankruptcy Code section 547. See docket number 16-1, at  $\P$   $\P$  6 -7.
- 3. The Bank is likely to claim a lien interest in the collateral that was the subject of the Objectors' Security Interest, which lien interest would be the senior lien of record, by virtue of the lapse of Objectors' financing statement.
- 4. The improvement of position of the Bank's lien interest occasioned by such a lapse of Objectors' financing statement is a voidable preferential transfer.
- 5. The Bank's motion should be denied, or else any order granting such motion should qualify the relief by excluding the collateral which was the subject of the Objectors' Security Interest.

WHEREFORE Objectors pray that the Court make its Order accordingly.

Dated: September 2, 2004 THOMAS F. MILLER, P.A.

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UNSWORN DECLARATION FOR PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned Thomas F. Miller, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that on

September 2, 2004, I served the within Response upon the following, by sending copies thereof to

them in the manner indicated:

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